

MINUTES
LA PUENTE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY
REGULAR MEETING OF
JULY 14, 2026

Per *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 11th Edition*, minutes are a record of the actions taken by the body. These minutes do not include a summary of the discussion but only reflect the action taken by the body. A complete audio recording of this meeting is available on the City's website www.lapuate.org.

A Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of La Puente was held in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 15900 East Main Street, La Puente, California, on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Klinakis called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo (via teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.8.3(c)(1)), Mendoza, Quinones.

Members absent: None.

Staff members present: City Manager Bob Lindsey, City Attorney Susie Altamirano, City Clerk Martha Torres, Director of Administrative Services Troy Grunklee, Director of Development Services Abraham Tellez, Chief/Director of Public Safety Jeffrey Buckwell, Information Technology/Communications Analyst Steve Overstreet, Senior Planner Juan Galvan, and Office Specialist Karissa Rivas Bustillos.

City Attorney Altamirano stated that Council Member Argudo was participating remotely and asked whether anyone over the age of 18 was present in the room with him. Council Member Argudo responded that no one over the age of 18 was present. City Attorney Altamirano then inquired whether Council Member Argudo was participating remotely under the "just cause" provisions. Council Member Argudo confirmed that he was participating under "just cause."

At this time, Mayor Klinakis requested that Oral Communications be heard.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Deidre Vail spoke regarding a concern involving graffiti on her property within the City. Direction was provided to Staff to assist her with her concern.

At this time, Mayor Klinakis requested that Oral Communications be paused and that Presentations be heard.

PRESENTATIONS

Mayor Klinakis introduced the Montessori Academy of La Puente Students to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Global Urban Strategies Regarding Social Media and Grant Updates and Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Activity and Information Briefing Presentations were pulled from the agenda.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Montessori Academy of La Puente Students led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At this time, Mayor Klinakis resumed Oral Communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Bryant Bouchot spoke regarding parking concerns within the City and a financial literacy program for students. City Staff was directed to explore opportunities to collaborate with local school districts and Project LEAD on the financial literacy program.

BOARDS/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REPORTS – None.

A. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETINGS

A.1 READ AND APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2026 AND THE SPECIAL MEETING OF JULY 8, 2026

A motion was made by Council Member Quinones, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to waive the reading and approve the Minutes of the City Council and Successor Agency meeting of June 23, 2026 and the Special Meeting of July 8, 2026. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

B. PUBLIC HEARINGS BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL

B.1 CONTINUED FROM THE JUNE 23, 2026, REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING - INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE NO. 26-997 APPROVING MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT NO. 26-02 ESTABLISHING CITYWIDE OBJECTIVE DESIGN STANDARDS FOR MULTIFAMILY AND MIXED-USE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW

Senior Planner Galvan provided a report of the public hearing item regarding citywide objective design standards.

Council Member Argudo stated that all his questions had been answered by Staff prior to the Council meeting.

Mayor Klinakis inquired if the City Clerk's office received any written communication regarding the matter. City Clerk Torres stated the office did not receive any written communication regarding the matter.

Mayor Klinakis opened the public hearing at 7:28 p.m. There being no members of the public wishing to speak, Mayor Klinakis closed the public hearing at 7:28 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 26-1597, accepting the Planning Commission's recommendation; (2) waive full reading and introduce Ordinance No. 26-997 and read by title only, approving Municipal Code Amendment No. 26-21 establishing citywide objective design standards for multifamily and mixed-use residential development projects in accordance with State law; and (3) direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption for the project. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

C.1 DISCUSSION AND DIRECTION REGARDING NAMING RIGHTS FOR THE LA PUENTE ANIMAL SHELTER/COMMUNITY DOG PARK/K-9 TRAINING CENTER AT 16550 OLD VALLEY BOULEVARD

Information Technology/Communications Analyst Overstreet provided a presentation on updated potential naming rights and signage for the La Puente Animal Shelter/Community Dog Park/K-9 Training Center.

Council Member Quinones inquired whether the facility would care for both dogs and cats. Information Technology/Communications Analyst Overstreet confirmed that the facility would care for both dogs and cats.

Discussion ensued regarding the naming of the La Puente Animal Shelter/Community Dog Park/K-9 Training Center, simplifying the verbiage on the sign, potential sign designs, and the number of signs at the facility.

The City Council reached a consensus on the design of the park sign and naming rights to potentially be La Puente Paws & Play Park, with add-on signs stating the following: Animal Shelter & Adoption Center, Adaptive Playground, and K-9 Training Center.

City Manager Lindsey stated that the final rendition of the park sign and naming rights would be brought for further consideration of approval at the next City Council meeting.

D. CITY COUNCIL AND SUCCESSOR AGENCY CONSENT CALENDAR

A motion was made by Council Member Argudo, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Munoz, to approve Consent Calendar Items D.1 through D.7. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

D.1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING WARRANT RESOLUTION NO. 26-6008

Action Taken: The City Council and Successor Agency adopted Resolution No. 26-6008 approving Warrant Register No. 1618.

D.2 CONSIDERATION AND AWARD OF EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FY 2026-2027

Action Taken: The City Council approved the award of thirty-two (32) scholarships for the 2026-2027 academic year, in the amount of \$500 each.

D.3 CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT NO. 1 TO THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SIMPLE SOLUTIONS PSYCHOTHERAPY FOR WRAPAROUND SERVICES UNDER THE YOUTH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Simple Solutions Psychotherapy; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute all documents necessary to effectuate these agreements.

D.4 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION RESCINDING RESOLUTION NO. 26-5993 AND ADOPTING THE CITY'S GANN APPROPRIATION LIMIT AND ESTABLISHING CONTROLS ON CHANGES IN APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027

Action Taken: The City Council adopted Resolution No. 26-6009 rescinding Resolution No. 26-5993 and adopted the City's Gann Appropriation Limit for FY 2026-2027

and established controls on changes in appropriations for the various funds.

- D.5 CONSIDERATION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES WITH BEST CONTRACTING SERVICES, INC. FOR ROOFING IMPROVEMENTS AT THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY CENTER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$791,069.00.

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) approved the agreement for construction services with BEST Contracting Services, Inc. for roofing improvements at the La Puente Community Center in the amount of \$791,069.00; and (2) authorized the City Manager to execute the Agreement and approve change orders up to 10% of the original bid amount.

- D.6 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE CONCRETE PARKING AREA AT THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY DOG PARK/KENNEL AND APPROVAL OF FINAL PROJECT CHANGE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,288.80

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the project as complete; (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute the Notice of Completion; and (3) approved a final project change order in the amount of \$44,288.80.

- D.7 CONSIDERATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF A NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR THE PUBLIC RESTROOM PROJECT AT THE LA PUENTE COMMUNITY DOG PARK/KENNEL

Action Taken: The City Council: (1) accepted the Project as complete; and (2) authorized the City Clerk to execute and file the Notice of Completion.

- E. NEW BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

- E.1 CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION RECITING THE FACTS OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE JUNE 2, 2026, CONSOLIDATED SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION; SECOND READING AND ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 26-995, AN ORDINANCE OF THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA INCREASING THE CITY'S EXISTING GENERAL PURPOSE HALF PERCENT (1/2%) TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX RATE TO A NEW RATE OF ONE PERCENT (1%) AS CODIFIED UNDER CHAPTER 2.34 (PUBLIC SAFETY, VITAL SERVICES NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION MEASURE) OF TITLE 2 (ADMINISTRATION) OF THE LA PUENTE MUNICIPAL CODE; AND RESOLUTIONS IMPLEMENTING MEASURE LP

Mayor Klinakis provided a summary report regarding Measure LP.

Mayor Klinakis motioned to adopt Resolution No. 26-6010, waive the full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 26-995 by title only, and that Resolution Nos. 26-6011 and 26-6012

not be considered at this time and be brought back to the City Council upon future direction of the City Council.

Discussion ensued regarding when the ordinance would go into effect and the intended use of the tax.

Mayor Pro Tem Munoz thanked the community for their support on Measure LP.

A motion was made by Mayor Klinakis, seconded by Council Member Argudo to: (1) adopt Resolution No. 26-6010; (2) waive the full reading and adopt Ordinance No. 26-995 by title only; and (3) defer consideration of Resolution Nos. 26-6011 and 26-6012 until further direction from the City Council. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Klinakis, Munoz, Argudo, Mendoza, Quinones
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None
ABSENT:	None

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

Code Enforcement and Public Safety Committee: Nothing to report.

La Puente Park Fees, Ordinance and Program Oversight Committee: Nothing to report.

Project LEAD Committee: Nothing to report.

LPQT Action Committee: Nothing to report.

Rowland, Bassett, and Hacienda La Puente Unified School Districts Liaison Committee: Nothing to report.

Senior Advisory Committee: Nothing to report.

Business Outreach Support Committee: Nothing to report.

La Puente Activity Center Design Oversight Committee: Nothing to report.

AB 1234 REPORTS – None.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Klinakis reported the first detection of West Nile Virus in the City and spoke regarding preventative measures against mosquitoes. He thanked City Staff for the successful 3rd of July event and thanked the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for their firework suppression efforts.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

City Manager Lindsey stated that preventative measures against mosquitoes and additional resources would be posted on the City's social media. He further stated that City Staff would work with Project LEAD regarding the financial literacy program.

Director of Development Services Tellez provided an update on the total funding for the original Plaza project on Central Avenue at \$2.9 million. He further stated the City Staff would continue to apply for grant funding for the Plaza Project.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Klinakis adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Approved this 11th day of August, 2026.



Martha Torres, MPA, CMC
City Clerk



Charlie Klinakis
Mayor/Chair